

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Why Worship?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For all Rock Church events, please visit <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>
2. Let your friends know that they can always live stream the Rock Church Sunday worship experience by visiting <http://www.therocksandiego.org/live/>.

MEMORY VERSES

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Gen. 1:27 ESV)

“And the Lord God commanded the man saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” (Gen. 2:16-17 ESV)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN? (WHY WORSHIP?)

Getting Started

1. Review the 3 points of “Why Worship?” as listed in the lesson plan:
 1. What blessings do you feel **entitled** to from your relationship with God?
Job? Riches? Spouse? Health?
 2. What **attitude** toward God resulted from your last trial?
Did you blame God, get mad at God, curse God? OR Praise God, trust in God, worship God?
 3. In what way can you better **worship** God for your pain?
Thank Him for the good times? Past and present blessings? Support and encouragement?
2. What point from the lesson plan stood out to you the most and why?

Digging Deeper

In Job 1:20, the author states that, “Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.” The word worshiped is similar to Prov. 12:25, “Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down.” This is how we are to approach the Lord in worship. This may include anxiety, but the emphasis is the weighing down of one’s self at Jesus’ feet. In other words complete surrender of the will on YHWH (Lord God). The following questions should help us discern what proper worship should look like in our daily lives.

1. When somebody states the word “worship” what images typically come to mind?

The following verses are examples where the word worship is used:

- Gen. 24:26, 48
- Ex. 24:1
- John 4:23
- 1 Cor. 14:25
- Heb. 1:6

2. Based on the passages above, what did worship consist of for those that worshiped the Lord? Does worship look similar to you in your life? Is worship a temporary thing for you, or something you dedicate yourself to everyday?
3. Heb. 11:32-40 give detailed account of those who were in the faith; true worshippers of God, yet still suffered at the hands of other men. Read this passage together as a group. What are some of the promises listed in these passages for the follower of Jesus?
4. How do you handle trials and pain in your life? Do you worship the Lord or complain? Give specific examples. What changes do you feel should be made?

Check out the following article for more insight on how to effectively worship the Lord in all aspects of our lives: <http://www.buildingchurchleaders.com/articles/2006/013006a.html>